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Stefan BEICHL et al.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Response to Office Action (11 pages) in the above-identified application.	
[] [] [X]	Small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been previously established. Applicants assert small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27. No fee for additional claims is required. A filing fee for additional claims calculated as shown below, is required:
[X]	Also transmitted herewith are: [] Petition for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 [X] Other: One sheet of new drawings (1 page). Appendix A (1 page); and Appendix B (16 pages)
[]	Check(s) in the amount of \$0.00 is/are attached to cover: [] Filing fee for additional claims under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 [] Petition fee for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 [] Other:

- [X] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0552.
 - [X] Any filing fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.16 for the presentation of additional claims which are not paid by check submitted herewith.
 - [X] Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. 1.17.
 - Any petition fees for extension under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 which are not paid by check submitted herewith, and it is hereby requested that this be a petition for an automatic extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136.

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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated September 18, 2007 in connection with the aboveidentified application, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application based on the following: